



Final International Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Finance and Corporate Services Committee on May 31, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Morrison 6:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 14 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Lieutenant Colonel J M Brault - Base Borden
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
C. Byles-Ho - Youth Ambassadors
C. Cudmore - Arras France
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoin - Arras France
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors

Absent: 9 - B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
K. Shirakura - Georgian College

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair and Tammie Maynard, Committee Support Clerk provided an update concerning the Committee's budget.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair advised that there was nothing new to report concerning Murayama, Japan.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update on the status of the Legacy Fund. Mr. Morrison commented that the agreement with the Barrie Community Foundation for the Legacy Fund has now been finalized and will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Clerk for signature.

Dave Morrison advised that he is waiting on confirmation from representatives of Barrie North Collegiate concerning a potential youth exchange with Arras, France.

Ciaran Byles-Ho provided an update concerning the International Partners website. The Committee discussed opportunities to enhance the website and it was suggested about adding the link to Barrie's webcam on the International Partners website.

Shannon Scully-Pratt explained that both herself and Dave Morrison will be meeting with representatives of the Moving Arts to discuss the youth ambassador program with the potential opportunity for a relationship with Harrogate, United Kingdom.

Dave Morrison highlighted that Hiromi Noguchi will be assisting the representatives of the youth ambassador program with communicating with Murayama, Japan concerning the youth ambassadors program.

Jamie Babcock provided an update concerning the Global Perspectives Program. He explained that he is waiting on confirmation from the Simcoe County District School Board and representatives from Zweibrücken, Germany concerning student travel for the 2022/2023 school year.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning German Twinning. Mr. Morrison advised that Mark Sachkiw and Patti Sachkiw are part of the delegation that will be traveling to Zweibrücken, Germany in May, 2022 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Twinning Relationship between the two municipalities. Mr. Sachkiw provided an outline of the delegations itinerary for their stay in Zweibrücken, Germany.

HARROGATE, UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw advised that Patti Sachkiw and himself will be visiting Harrogate, United Kingdom in May, 2022 to promote and build a relationship with the municipality's partner City and to discuss future adult, youth and rugby sports teams exchanges between the two municipalities.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw advised that Patti Sachkiw and himself will be visiting Arras, France in May, 2022 to promote and build a relationship with the municipality's partner City and to discuss future adult, and youth exchanges, and other potential opportunities.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

There was no report provided concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN